

**ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION TITLE: PHYSICAL THERAPIST

POSITION LOCATION: ASDB

POSITION REPORTS TO: Principal

POSITION SUPERVISES: None

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Arizona Physical Therapist License, two years therapy experience

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Pediatric therapy experience; experience with sensory impaired individuals; experience with handicapped children; skill in report writing and verbal communication; ability to communicate in sign language or willingness to learn.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Evaluate students referred for physical therapy as a result of observation, record review or multidisciplinary staffing; plan and implement physical therapy programs needed as a result of evaluation; evaluate and provide recommendations on SIMH students; participate in multidisciplinary team and develop IEP goals for students; make progress reports to educational staff; serve as a resource to medical and educational staff regarding therapy needs of individual children; confer with teachers, teaching parents and parents on therapy/development plan for students; maintain physical therapy records and disseminate information to parents and professionals relevant to student progress and physical therapy needs; maintain current information about community resources related to physical therapy; train staff in techniques and principles of therapy; conduct annual screening for scoliosis and motor skills in conjunction with adaptive physical education staff and student health center staff; provide therapy program supervision to physical therapy aide

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS: To plan and implement physical therapy programs for hearing and visually handicapped students needing physical therapy service. Knowledge of physical therapy skills and the delivery of therapy in educational programs, ability to work effectively with many different people. Knowledge of appropriate equipment for therapy. Skill in report writing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS: Must utilize appropriate personal protective equipment as required.